



Meeting Minutes	March 2, 2017	Cutter Gallery
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Commissioners attending: Adria Arch, Barbara Costa, Carla Dorato, Jonathan Hyde, Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Steve Poltorzycki, Marga Varea

Commissioners absent: Leland Stein, Aimee Taberner

Guest: Lisbet Taylor, ACC

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.

Officers for 2017: The officers for 2017 were welcomed: Adria Arch (Co-Chair), Stephanie Marlin-Curiel (Co-Chair), Steve Poltorzycki (Recording Secretary), and Jonathan Hyde (Treasurer).

Minutes: Minutes for February 2, 2017 were unanimously approved as amended.

March 1 "Get Creative" Event: A public meeting was held in Town Hall on March 1 to update the public on the status of the Cultural Plan and to solicit input. About 100 members of the public attended and participated in several working groups in which ideas and suggestions were discussed and captured for potential inclusion in the Cultural Plan.

FY18 Budget Request Update: FinCom authorized a FY18 budget of \$25,000 with the understanding that this amount would cover several arts-related funding needs and that ACAC would manage the distribution of funds for those needs. ACAC had requested \$15,000 in funding to cover Cultural Plan implementation and other matters and Arlington Public Art had requested \$15,000 to cover costs related to a public art consultant. The \$25,000 allocated is intended to address both of these requests, as well as other arts-related needs. Costa will obtain from Adam Chapdelaine and Alan Tosti (FinCom Chair) clarification regarding when ACAC will obtain formal approval of the FY18 funding what the approved budget amount is intended to cover.

MAPC Cultural Plan: It appears that MAPC may have secured additional funding for FY18 in connection with implementation of the cultural plan.

TDC Arts Agencies Study: TDC, the consultants engaged by the DPCD to study the town's five arts-related entities as an adjunct to the Arts and Culture Action Plan, have scheduled interviews to begin the week of March 6, 2017. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of May 2017.

Bike Path Art Project: The Minuteman Bikeway 25th Anniversary Committee has a subcommittee on bike path public art. Poltorzycki will contact Linda Shoemaker, the chair of that subcommittee, regarding potential coordination/cooperation on bike path public art.

New Business:

Cultural District: Arch will request Joe Curro to contact, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, the Massachusetts Cultural Council for an update on the status of the Cultural District application

FY17 Budget: Marlin-Curiel and Hyde will meet with Jenny Raitt, by phone or in person, to obtain a clarification of what the expectations are regarding the fate of the \$2,500 currently in the FY17 budget earmarked for MAPC Cultural Plan match (i.e., whether that amount is intended for the MAPC or for the TDC project).

Subcommittees: Ideas for the establishment of several new subcommittees of ACAC were discussed. Costa will prepare draft descriptions of potential subcommittees to be created and populated at the next ACAC meeting.

Change of Next Meeting Date: The next meeting date will be Thursday, April 13th. Poltorzycki will confirm that Cutter Gallery is available on that date.

ACC Grantee Reception: There will be a reception for recipients of ACC grants on April 11 at 6:30 at ACA.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.